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As of March 1955, the Main Administration for Shipping (HV Schiffahrt) of the East German Ministry for Traffic and Shipping (Verkehr und Schiffahrt) was as follows:

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Minister and State Secretary	Karl Solomon
Head of HV Schiffahrt	Heinz Hess (SED)
Departmental heads:	
Shipping Department	Heinz Hess
Waterways Construction Department	Walter Keul
Cadre/Personnel Department	Tolle (fnu) <sup>1</sup>
Planning Department	Krause (fnu)
Freight Traffic, West Sector	
Barrier, Border Lists and Interzonal Passes for Polish travel	Gerhard Dürrast

## Dispatcher Group:

Head	Ernst Kostial
Deputy and Kostial's representative	Harry Walle
Records - freight, daily/monthly turnover	Songa Lober

Ship Management (Reederei) Group  
(currently being formed) - Head: Kurt Groche

## 2. The organization of the DSU HV Berlin-Gruenstrasse was as follows:

Director	Mai (fnu)
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## Department heads:

Planning	Lies (fnu) (SED Aktivist)
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Personnel	Schacht (fnu) (SED Aktivist)
Bookkeeping	Wagner (fnu)
Chief dispatcher	Heinz Ulrich
Ships mechanics	(not known)
Freight	Ortmann (fnu)
Production chief	Neubauer (fnu)

3. The East Harbor Branch (Nebenstelle Osthafen) was as follows in March 1955:

Branch chief	Otto Grünschwitz
Priority traffic department	Ingolf Denzig
Barge space allocation official	Bernhard Schönfeld
Expediter (Expedient)	Karl Voigt

4. The Stettin (Szczecin) branch was under the administrative control of the Polska Zegluga na Odrze (the Polish Oder shipping administration) as of 1 March 1955. The head of the office is Schulz (fnu, who was formerly employed in the Czechoslovak Free Port in Stettin).<sup>2</sup>
5. A District Dispatcher Group (Gebiets Dispatcher Gruppe) has been established by the HV Schifffahrt for the control of all inland waterways traffic around Berlin and Mecklenburg. Officials of the Group are:

Head	Gerhard Manigel
<u>Sachbearbeiter</u>	Koch (fnu)
<u>Sachbearbeiter</u>	Heinz Hermann
Towing (Schlepp) dispatcher	Heinz Gewiese (SED Aktivist)
Harbor dispatcher	Schumann (fnu) (SED Aktivist)
Records	Wasserzier (fnu) (female)

6. The DSU (Deutsche Schifffahrts- u. Umschlagsbetriebszentrale) (German Shipping and Transfer Enterprises Central), Berlin 017, includes the following three regional sections: the Elbe River section, the Stralsund and Oder River section, and the Berlin section.

1. Comment: Possibly identical with Richard Toelle (SED) who was previously reported as head of the Central Department for Personnel under the former State Secretariat for Shipping.
2. Comment: The name has also been reported as Szloc (fnu).

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